

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 146

By Ramsey

A RESOLUTION to recognize Brian Cabrera upon being granted attendance at Bristol's NASCAR races through the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those children who, although born with life-altering disabilities, exhibit courage and fortitude far beyond their years, serving as an inspiration to their friends, family, and community; and

WHEREAS, those noble organizations that seek to give comfort and bring joy to disadvantaged children deserve to be commended; and

WHEREAS, seven-year-old Brian Cabrera is one such estimable child who suffers from cerebral palsy; he was recently granted attendance at the NASCAR races at the Bristol Motor Speedway through the venerable Make-A-Wish Foundation; and

WHEREAS, the son of Bartola Cabrera, who is in the military, and Lisa Marie Medina, Brian has a twin brother, Louis, and younger brother, Chris; the family will attend the races together; and

WHEREAS, although Brian is wheelchair-bound, his passion is racing; he loves anything to do with cars and wants to be a "champion"; and

WHEREAS, he especially enjoys following the racing exploits of Jeff Gordon and Jimmy Johnson; and

WHEREAS, Brian dreams of being one of the VIP's at the NASCAR races, which suits his outgoing personality just fine as he enjoys the attention of others and the spotlight; and

WHEREAS, officials with the Make a Wish Foundation of East Tennessee have worked tirelessly to help make Brian's wish an unforgettable experience and to make him the champion he dreams of being; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Brian Cabrera, praise him for his uplifting spirit, and commend his strong showing of courage and fortitude at such a tender age; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to Brian Cabrera and his family our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling experience at the Bristol Motors Speedway NASCAR races, courtesy of the fine people who comprise the Make-A-Wish Foundation, and congratulate Brian on being a true champion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.